

87. (New) The strap according to claim 23, wherein the boot-engaging strap member cooperates with the mounting strap and is configured and arranged to cooperate with an engagement strap to secure the boot within a snowboard binding.

88. (New) The first strap component according to claim 85, wherein the first strap piece cooperates with the second strap piece and is configured and arranged to cooperate with the second strap component to secure the boot within a snowboard binding.

Please rewrite claims 1, 13, 23, and 56 as indicated below:

1. (Amended) A binding strap for securing a snowboard boot within a binding baseplate, the binding strap being mountable to the baseplate by a mounting strap and further being releasably connectable to an engagement strap extending from the baseplate, the binding strap comprising:

a flexible binding strap member configured and arranged to be connected to the engagement strap to adjust tightening of the binding strap about the boot when the boot is in the binding, said flexible binding strap member including a pocket which is configured and arranged to movably receive a first end of the mounting strap therein.

13. (Amended) A strap for engaging a snowboarding boot, the strap being securable to a mounting strap and further being releasably connectable to an engagement strap, the strap comprising:

a flexible strap member configured and arranged to be connected to the engagement strap to adjust the relative positions of the flexible strap member and the engagement strap and to conform at least the flexible strap member to a portion of the surface of the snowboarding boot, said flexible strap member including a pocket which is configured and arranged to movably receive a first end of the mounting strap therein.

23. (Twice Amended) A strap for engaging a snowboarding boot, the strap comprising:

a boot-engaging strap member configured and arranged to engage with a front portion of the snowboarding boot;

a mounting strap having a first end securable to said boot-engaging strap member; and wherein said boot-engaging strap member and said mounting strap are moveable relative